

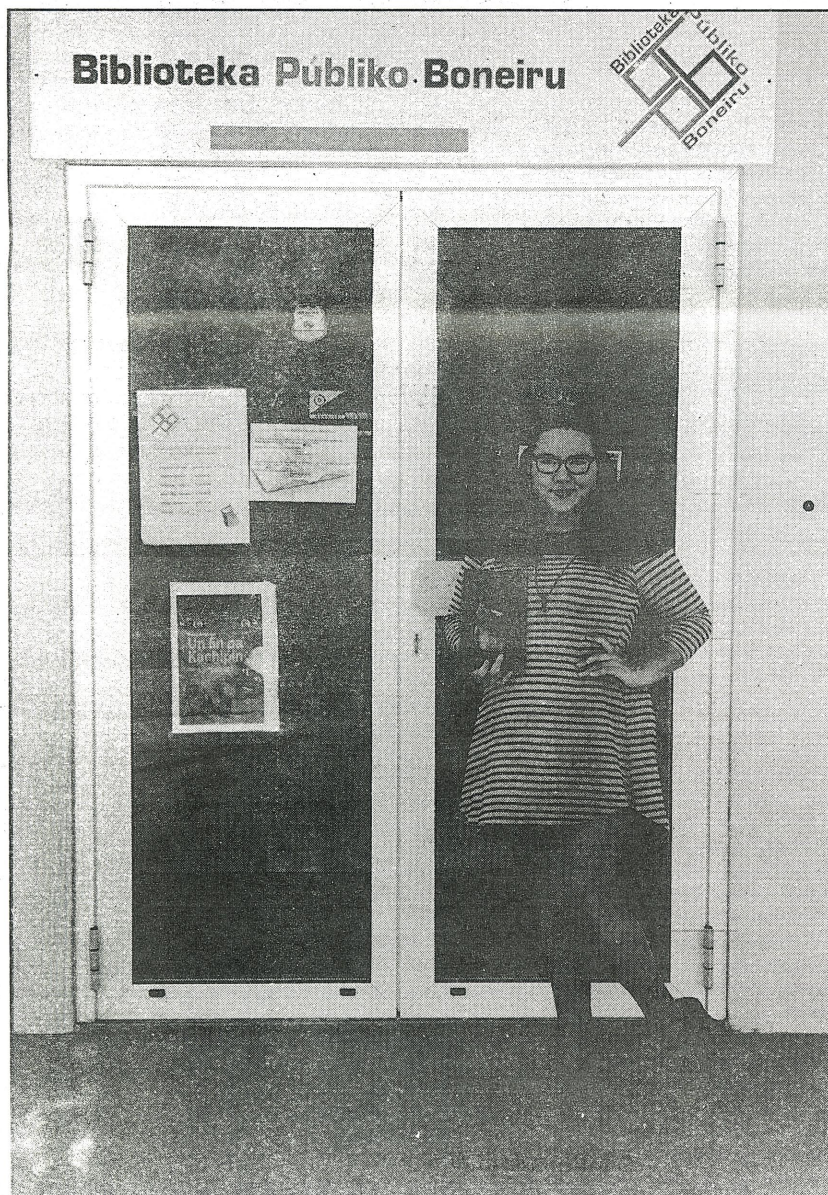
LILY CLARISA WON THE AWESOME POET AWARD DURING THE 1ST QUEER AND FEMINIST POETRY AWARDS THAT WAS HELD AT WORM IN ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS ON THE 27TH OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

Lily Clarisa is an Aruban poet, writer and singer-songwriter. In 2015 she self-published her first poetry book, *Lost Love Poems*, in which she chronicled her journey from love to heartbreak. A performer of the arts, she has been known to wander onto stages to recite her work. Lily has performed at Kosecha Kultural in Curaçao, at Unwanted Words and Caribbean Ancestry Club in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and at Bascha Foundation's Poetry Nights on Aruba—to name

but a few. Lily has also participated as a storyteller during Aruba's Children Book Festival 2017, which is organized yearly by Biblioteca Nacional Aruba. Her second poetry collection, *Illuminated Darkness*, is divided into three parts; part one is about child abuse, family issues and childhood dreams; part two is about PTSD, depression, domestic violence, love and hatred; part three is about inner peace, therapy, self-love, self-help and the healing powers of nature.

Illuminated Darkness in a nutshell;

"my demons cuffed me to my past; they love me downtrodden, vulnerable & scared, but light beams within with the sway of tall trees, from chirping parakeets, from cacti dancing free; my light beams up to Mother Moon, from the light of souls who have loved



& continue to love me

so I told myself upon writing this book

I will illuminate my darkness and that will set me free"
-Lily Clarisa □

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